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SUBJECT: DE CUELLAR COMMENTS ON FIFTH ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS

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1. UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR BRIEFED ME FEB 26
ON FIFTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS (VIENNA IV).

2. DE CUELLAR SAID THAT ESSENTIALLY VIENNA WAS DEVOTED TO
PROCEDURE AND IN THAT SENSE TURKS GOT THEIR WAY. THERE
WAS REALLY VERY LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND NONE
WHICH COULD BE REGARDED AS CONSTITUTING COMMITMENT BY
EITHER SIDE. ON TERRITORY, WALDHEIM'S SUGGESTION THAT
PARTIES PICK UP DISCUSSION OF MAP PRESENTED BY CLERIDES
AT VIENNA I PRODUCED A REAFFIRMATION OF CLERIDES' INTEREST
IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE THREE AREAS OF MORPHOU,
TRIKOMO/LEFKONICO AND VAROSHA/WESTWARDS. BUT CLERIDES
INSISTED THIS WAS NOT A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AND HIS
VIENNA I MAP SHOULD NOT BE SO REGARDED. THERE WAS NO
DISCUSSION OF THAT MAP AS SUCH. ON FEDERATION ONLY
DISCUSSION WAS DENKTASH'S REAFFIRMATION, IN REPLY TO CLERIDES'
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QUESTION THAT FEDERATION RATHER THAN CONFERATION

IS TURKISH OBJECTIVE. ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, DENKTASH REITERATED TURKISH INSISTENCE ON EQUALITY BUT USED THE (POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT) QUALIFIER REGARDING "AN EQUAL SAY".

3. DE CUELLAR SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OTHER THAN FOREGOING BUT NOTED CLERIDES AND DENKTASH HAD TWICE MET ALONE. POSSIBILITY EXISTED, THEREFORE, THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE. DE CUELLAR COMMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT VIENNA IV REPRESENTED GENUINE PROGRESS. THERE WAS NOT AN AGREED NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE TO COVER NEXT THREE MONTHS. CLERIDES HAD WON HIS POINT ON TIMETABLE FOR EXCHANGE OF TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND DENKTASH IN RETURN HAD COMMITMENT TO SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEDURE (DEPENDING OF COURSE ON AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE ON THREE CORE ISSUES BY THE END OF NEXT AGREED VIENNA MEETING IN MAY). THAT MEETING, IT HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD, WOULD BE DURING THE LATTER HALF OF MAY AND MORE LIKELY THE FINAL WEEK TO FIT WALDHEIM'S SCHEDULE AND DENKTASH'S ELECTIONS.

4. DE CUELLAR SAIS NEXT MOVE WAS UP TO GOC WHICH NOW HAD TO DEVELOP (A) POSITION ON TERRITORY AND (B) A SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR RESUMED DISCUSSION OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES (SPECIFICALLY MISSING PERSONS AND STATUS OF ENCLAVED GREEKS IN NORTH).

5. IN OUR CONVERSATION, DE CUELLAR MADE TWO PERIPHERAL, CONFIDENTIAL OBSERVATIONS. HE HAD VISITED ATHENS BOTH GOING AND COMING FROM VIENNA TO SEE BITSIOS, STAVROPOULOS AND OTHER OLD FRIENDS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT. HE HAD FOUND MAINLAND GREEKS ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION QUITE SOUR ON MAKARIOS. SECONDLY, HE REMARKED THAT BOTH GREEK AND TRUKISH AMBASSADORS IN NICOSIA ARE UNHELPFUL. BOTH ARE NEGATIVE NATIONALISTS OVERLY IDENTIFIED WITH CONCEPTIONS OF RESPECTIVE CYPRIOT PROTAGONISTS. IN THEIR REPORTING AND ACTIONS BOTH "TURN UP THE VOLUME" OF CONFLICT. HE HAD FOUND THIS TO BE WELL UNDERSTOOD IN ATHENS WITH RESPECT TO GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS AND HIS EXCESSIVELY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH

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